

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Lock assembly for a mobile part (10) of a vehicle body such as a hatch or door, especially for a rear hatch,
 - where the mobile part (10) is secured in its closed position with respect to a stationary part of the vehicle body by means of a lock;
 - with a lock cylinder (40) into which a key (41) can be inserted, which, when turned in an emergency situation, rotates the lock cylinder (40) and moves the lock between an unlocking position and a locking position;
 - with a handle (21) on the mobile part (10), which is able to pivot in a plane perpendicular to the body of the vehicle,
 - and which can be moved from a closed position (20.1), flush with the vehicle body, where the lock cylinder (40) is protected,
 - into an outwardly-pivoted position (20.2), in which the handle (21) can be gripped manually to open the mobile part (10); and

-- where, in the outwardly-pivoted position (20.2), the lock cylinder (40) is accessible to the key (41) and can be actuated by rotation in an emergency situation in order to shift the lock between the locking position and the unlocking position, wherein the lock cylinder (40) is mounted on a ~~the~~ rear surface (26) of the handle (21) and forms with this handle (21) a combination (20), which combination is a structural unit that can move ~~as a unit~~ between the closed position (20.1) and the outwardly-pivoted position (20.2);

-- where the lock cylinder (40) points toward an ~~the~~ interior (32) of the mobile part (10) when the combination (20) is in the closed position (20.1); in that

-- an element (45) of a rotating coupler (rotating coupler element 45), which can rotate along with the lock cylinder (40) when the lock cylinder is turned by the key, is mounted on the combination; in that

-- a stationary opposing element (35) of the ~~this~~ rotating coupler (45) (opposing rotating coupler element 35), which acts on the lock, is mounted at a defined point on the mobile part (10);

-- in which the opposing element (35) is disconnected from the rotating coupler element (45) when the combination (20) is in the closed ~~coupling~~ position (20.1), but is in rotational engagement

with the coupler ~~this~~ element (45) when the combination (20) is in the outwardly-pivoted position (20.2); in that

- the stationary opposing rotating coupler element (35) is mounted in the same perpendicular plane in which the rotating coupler element (45) moves during a ~~the~~ coupling movement (25) of the combination (20); and in that
- during the last phase of the outward-pivoting movement (25) of the combination (20), the coupling point of the rotating coupler element (45) engages with the opposing coupling point of the opposing rotating coupler element (35).

2. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the lock cylinder (40) is integrated into the material of the handle (21, ~~22~~) of the pivoting combination (20).

3. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein an ~~the~~ axis (44) of the lock cylinder (40) is mounted in the same perpendicular plane as that in which the pivoting movement (25) of the combination (20) takes place.

4. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein a ~~the~~ cylinder housing (42) which accepts the lock

cylinder (40) is designed as an integral part of the handle (21, 22) of the combination (20).

5. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the handle (21) consists of at least one of a flat plate and ~~and/or~~ an arched plate (22, 23); and in that -- the axis (44) of the lock cylinder (40) is essentially parallel to the plane of the plate.

6. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the handle (21) of the combination (20) consists of a two-layer plate (22, 23), -- namely, a rear base plate (22), which is provided with ~~the~~ bearing means (12, 13, 57) for the pivoting movement (25), and a decorative plate (23) on the visible side.

7. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the handle (21) of the combination (20) has a company emblem (24) on the visible side.

8. (Currently Amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein a protective sleeve (27, 29) is mounted on a ~~the~~ rear surface (26) of the handle (21),

-- in which the sleeve surrounds the outside of the coupling element (45) seated on the combination (20) and travels along with it; and in that

-- the protective sleeve (27, 29) accommodates at least a ~~the~~ coupling point (37) of the stationary opposing ~~joint~~ element (35) during every phase of the pivoting movement (25) and thus protects the lock against attempts to manipulate it.

9. (Currently Amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the stationary opposing ~~joint~~ element (35) serves simultaneously as a guide means for the protective sleeve (27) during the pivoting movement (25) of the combination (20).

10. (Currently Amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the protective sleeve (27, 29) is designed as an integral part of the handle (21, ~~22~~) of the combination (20).

11. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 8 with a housing (30), wherein the handle (21) can undergo a pivoting movement (25) around an axis (pivot axis 15) extending transversely across the housing (30);

-- where the handle (21), when in the closed position (20.1), closes off an ~~the~~ opening (31) in the housing and forms together

with the housing (30) a structural unit (11), which can be attached as a whole to the mobile part (10) of the vehicle body, wherein

-- the stationary opposing rotating coupler element (35) is rotatably supported (36) at a defined point in a ~~the~~ housing wall (33), its coupling point (37) pointing into the interior (32) of the housing and toward the combination (20); and in that

-- a driver (16) is connected nonrotatably on the outside surface of the housing (30) to the opposing rotating coupler element (35), wherein the ~~which~~ driver is connected to the lock by way of an additional link chain (50).

12. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according Claim 8 with a stop (28) on the handle (21) and with a counterstop (48) on the housing (30);

-- where, in the outwardly-pivoted position (20.2), the movable stop (28) makes contact with the stationary counterstop (48) and thus limits an ~~the~~ outward pivot angle (19),

wherein

-- a section of the protective sleeve (27) facing in the direction of the pivoting movement (25) forms the stop (28).

13. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 11 ~~14~~, wherein the housing wall (33) has a step (48, 49), facing the interior (32) of the housing,

-- a ~~the~~ tread (48) of which step, i.e., the surface facing the stationary opposing joint element (35), serves as a counterstop, cooperates with the protective sleeve (27), and limits the outwardly-pivoted position (20.2) of the combination (20) .

14. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 13, wherein a ~~the~~ riser (49) of the step in the housing, i.e., the surface which faces the housing opening (31), serves as a stop for the closed position (20.1) of the combination (20).

15. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 14, wherein the riser (49) is provided with an elastic buffer (14).

16. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the pivot axis (15) of the combination (20) is produced by two separate axle pins (12, 13),
-- which are introduced from opposite outside surfaces (61, 62), pass first through two bores (53) in the housing (30), and then extend into two blind holes (57) in the combination (20).

17. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 16, wherein, after the two axle pins (12, 13) have been installed, there is a certain gap (58) between their facing ends, in which ~~and in that~~ — the lock cylinder (40) is accommodated ~~in this gap (58)~~.

18. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the cylinder axis (44) of the lock cylinder (40) is perpendicular to the pivot axis (15) but is set back into the interior of the housing (32) from the pivot axis (15).

19. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 16, wherein the axle pins consist of two cap screws (12, 13), which pass through two bearing bushes (56, 55) mounted in the two housing bores (53) and are anchored in two threaded holes (27) in the combination (20).

20. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 8, wherein a working arm (59) is mounted on the outside surface of the housing (30), the working ~~which~~ arm (59) is connected nonrotatably to the combination (20) and pivots along with it during the pivoting movement (25); and in that

-- during its pivoting movement (25), the working arm (59) acts on other functional parts ~~such as microswitches (60) and/or damping elements.~~

21. (Previously presented) Lock assembly according to Claim 20, wherein the nonrotatable connection between the working arm (59) and the combination (20) is produced by means of one of the screws (12) which determine the pivot axis (25).

22. (Previously submitted) Lock assembly according to Claim 20, wherein the working arm (59) is seated nonrotatably on one of the bearing bushes (56) to form an arm-bush unit (59, 56); and in that

-- the arm-bush unit (59, 56) is anchored in the combination (20) by means of the screw (12) which passes through the bearing bush (56).

23. (Currently amended) Lock assembly according to Claim 1, wherein a freewheel coupling (46) is provided between the lock cylinder (40) and the rotating coupler element (45), the ~~which~~ coupling (45) moving ~~moves~~ concomitantly ~~(25)~~ with the combination (20),

-- wherein the ~~which~~ freewheel coupling (46) disconnects the

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nonrotatable connection between the lock cylinder (40) and the rotating coupler element (45) when the lock cylinder (40) is turned by force.